

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): A welt for positioning between adjoining components, ~~in particular components used in the automobile industry,~~ the welt comprising:
  - a welt core;
  - a decorative material substantially covering said welt core;
  - a welt flap laterally protruding from within said welt core and having opposing ends;wherein the welt flap comprises at least one a first fastening element and a second fastening element, both integrally formed therewith with the welt flap, and projecting therefrom;

wherein the decorative material is one of mesh fabric, synthetic or genuine leather, and a textile fabric; and

wherein the welt flap ~~is~~ and the first and second fastening elements are made of a more rigid material than the welt core; and

wherein the first fastening element projects diagonally away from a first side of the welt flap and is configured to apply a force to a first adjoining component in a direction toward the welt core, and the second fastening element projects diagonally away from a second side of the welt flap, opposite the first side, and is configured to apply a force to a second adjoining component in a direction away from the welt core.
2. (canceled).

3. (canceled).

4. (currently amended): Welt according to claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ one of the first fastening element and the second fastening element is disposed along the welt flap ~~is a first fastening element~~ between the a-welt core ~~end~~ and a free end of the welt flap.

5. (currently amended): Welt according to claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ at least one of the first fastening element and the second fastening element is disposed ~~is a first fastening element and the welt further comprises a second fastening element~~ at a free end of the welt flap.

6. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 5, wherein the first and second fastening elements are arranged on the opposing ends of the welt flap.

7. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 5, wherein the first and second fastening elements are rod-shaped.

8. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 5, wherein the first fastening element extends in the direction of the welt-core end of the welt flap and the second fastening element extends to the free end of the welt flap.

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9. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 7, wherein the angle between the rod-shaped first and/or second fastening element and the welt flap is 42°.

10. (currently amended): Welt according to claim 5, wherein ~~the~~ a distance between the ~~welt flap ends~~ an of the first fastening element attached to the welt flap and an end of the ~~and~~ second fastening element attached to the welt flap ~~elements along the welt flap~~ is substantially one third of the entire length of the welt flap.

11 (canceled).

12. (canceled).

13. (currently amended): ~~Welt according to claim 1,~~ A welt for positioning between adjoining components, the welt comprising:

a welt core;

a decorative material substantially covering said welt core;

a welt flap laterally protruding from within said welt core and having opposing ends;

~~wherein the fastening element is a first fastening element~~ integrally formed with the welt flap at a free end of the welt flap in a Christmas-tree shape;

wherein the decorative material is one of mesh fabric, synthetic or genuine leather, and a textile fabric; and

wherein the welt flap and the fastening element are made of a more rigid material than the welt core.

14. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 13, wherein the branches of the Christmas-tree shaped first fastening element extend to the welt core end of the welt flap and lie in a plane parallel to the longitudinal axis of the welt core.

15. (currently amended): ~~Welt according to claim 11,~~A welt for positioning between adjoining components, the welt comprising;

a welt core,

a decorative material substantially covering said welt core;

a welt flap protruding from within said welt core and having opposing ends; and

a first fastening element integrally formed with the welt flap at a free end of the welt flap and having an anchor-shape; and

~~wherein in the area of the welt core end of the welt flap, there is a rod-shaped second fastening element, integrally formed with the welt flap in the area of the welt core end of the welt flap,~~ protruding substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of the welt flap at opposing peripheral ends of the welt flap;

wherein the decorative material is one of mesh fabric, synthetic or genuine leather, and a textile fabric; and

wherein the welt flap and the first and second fastening elements are made of a more rigid material than the welt core.

16. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 5, wherein the first and/or second fastening element is provided with recesses in the longitudinal direction of the welt.

17. (currently amended): Welt according to claim ~~5~~16, wherein ~~the~~ a length of each of the recesses ~~distance between adjoining first and/or second fastening elements in the longitudinal direction is substantially equal to a~~ the length between the recesses of the first and/or second fastening element in the longitudinal direction of the welt.

18. (currently amended): Welt according to claim 1, wherein the first and second fastening elements are ~~element is~~ rod-shaped.

19. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 1, wherein the welt core has a circular cross-section.

20. (currently amended): Welt according to claim 1, wherein the welt flap has a rod-shaped cross-section.

21. (currently amended): ~~Welt according to claim 1,~~ A welt comprising:  
a welt core;  
a decorative material substantially covering said welt core;

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a welt flap laterally protruding from within said welt core and having a first end within said welt core and a second end away from said welt core;

wherein the welt flap is made of a more rigid material than the welt core; and

wherein the fastening element is a recess on~~is formed in the second end of the welt flap.~~

22. (canceled).

23. (currently amended): Welt according to claim 21, wherein the recess ~~is in the interior of the welt flap and the recess~~ has an enlarged central portion.

24. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 1, wherein the welt core is made of rubber.

25. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 1, wherein the welt flap is made of weldable polypropylene.

26. and 27. (canceled).

28. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 1, wherein the welt flap extends beyond the decorative material.

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29. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 1, wherein the decorative material terminates flush with the fastening element.

30. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 1, wherein the welt core and the welt flap are formed in one piece.

31. (canceled).

32. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 1, wherein the welt forms a complete ring.

33. (canceled).

34. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 32, wherein the welt flap comprises a first fastening element operatively connected with a second fastening element that may be coupled to the welt flap.

35. (currently amended): ~~Welt according to claim 32,~~ A welt for positioning between adjoining components, the welt comprising:

a welt core;

a decorative material substantially covering said welt core;

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a welt flap laterally protruding from within said welt core and having a first end within said welt core and a second end away from said welt core;

wherein said welt flap is made of a more rigid material than the welt core;

wherein the welt flap comprises a first notch formed on a first side thereof and a second notch formed on a second side thereof, opposite the first side, wherein the first and second notches are configured to be operatively connected to ~~wherein the second fastening element is a~~  
metal clip.

36. and 37. (canceled).